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SUBJECT: PAKISTAN FLOOD RELIEF: DRUG AVAILABILITY

REF: A. ISLAMABAD 6717

B. KARACHI 1511

C. KARACHI 1516

D. ISLAMABAD 6762

1. MANAGING DIRECTOR, PFIZER, LEADING US PHARMACEUTICAL
SUBSIDIARY IN KARACHI AREA, CONFIRMED TO DPO THIS MORNING
ABSENCE LOCAL CAPACITY FOR PRODUCTION TAB VACCINE, SALINE DRIP,
DEXTROSE SALINE, GLUCOSE SALINE AND CHLOROQUINE INJECTABLE,
AS REPORTED REF. B.

2. PFIZER OFFICIAL EVEN MORE DEFINITE IN ASSERTING BOTH ADEQUATE
PRESENT STOCKS AND CAPACITY FOR LOCAL PRODUCTION OF PENICILLIN
PROCAINE, CHLORAMPHENICOL AND OXYTETRACYCLINE (ITEMS FROM LIST
SUPPLIED BY U.N. RELIEF COORDINATOR S OFFICE AT ISLAMABAD
SELECTED BY COUNTRY TEAM FOR PRIORITY ATTENTION) THAN WAS PPMA
CHAIRMAN, AS REPORTED REF. B. WAS HIS ESTIMATE (AND WE HAVE FOUND
HIM IN PAST TO BE ONE OF BEST INFORMED PERSONS IN PHARMACEUTICAL
INDUSTRY HERE) THAT REQUIREMENTS COULD BE PROVIDED FROM PRESENT
STOCKS WITHIN A WEEK AFTER PLACEMENT OF ORDER. HE ADDED THAT
PRODUCTION 250,000 VIALS OF PENICILLIN PROCAINE AMOUNTED TO NO
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MORE THAN ABOUT TWO DAYS OUTPUT FROM PFIZER PLANT AND THAT

250,000 CAPSULES CHLORAMPHENICOL AND 1 MILLION CAPSULES
OXYTETRACYCLINE AMOUNTED TO ABOUT FOUR DAYS PRODUCTION.

3. COMMENT: IF EMBASSY/USG HAS ANY PLANS FOR SUPPLY ABOVE DRUGS
FOR FLOOD RELIEF, BELIEVE WOULD BE PREFERABLE PROCURE FROM
LOCAL US SUBSIDIARY, BOTH FROM VIEWPOINT OF COST AND RAPID
AVAILABILITY.
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